## RUMORS OF WARS.

UNQUIET OLD WORLD POLITICS.

PHASES OF FRENCH AGGRESSION-THE SOUDAN TROUBLES-IRELAND-PERSONAL TOPICS. [BY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE. ]

LONDON, Dec. 29 .- The delay of the Chinese authorities in announcing what they mean to do on account of the fall of Sontay encourages the French to believe that they can carry their aggressions to any extent without meeting with resistance. The French exultation over the capture of an evacuated citadel has reached the point of insanity, one journal proclaiming that Sontay had wiped out Sedan. The semi-official papers immediately began repudiating their former positions. Europe was told before the capture of Sontay that it would be necessary to seize that place in order to satisfy French honor, and then mediation and further negotiation would be possible. Europe is now told that the capture of Sontay puts mediation out of the question. France cries out to Europe "Hands off!" and demands indemnity from China, as if the Empire were already defeated. France threatens to seize Hainan, Formosa and the Chusan Islands unless China instantly submits to the demand for indemnity. I quote from the most respectable papers in Paris, the République Française and Temps, both Cabinet organs. The less respectable journals express hope of the decapitation of Tseng, if China resolves to disown his diplomacy.

Premier Ferry's intention to annex all Tonquin is all but openly avowed, in spite of reiterated pledges-Premier Ferry and his colleagues seem convinced that it is safe to bully China and to seize its territory. They expect that the Treaty Powers will look on quietly.

The Ministerial journals in Paris are instructed to say that England acquiesces. English journals meantime steadily denounce the French policy as dishonest, and reiterate their warnings that no interference with the Treaty Ports will be tolerated, and openly manifest sympathy with China. French irritationagainst England breaks out oddly in complaints from Victor Hugo's admirers because his request to the Queen for the pardon of O'Donnell was refused. Le Voltaire abuses Lord Lyons because he addresses Victor Hugo as Senator and declares that nobody is fit to be an Ambassador unless he is an admirer of the French poet.

EGYPT AND THE SOUDAN.

The state of Egypt grows steadily worse. El Mahdi is probably approaching Khartoum. The Ministry at Cairo and the English officials are alike half paralyzed. The English insist upon reforms to which the Khedive assents; but he does not carry

The opinion is daily growing stronger that Eng gand will be compelled to accept the direct responsibility for governing Egypt. Intractable Radicals like Mr. Cowen sullenly concede the impossibility of withdrawal. Serious politicians believe that the meeting of Parliament will oblige the Ministry to adopt a definite policy, if not before,

Mr. Forster writes to The Times that it is useless to abolish the slave trade and slavery in Egypt unless provision be made for freedwomen. He offers to subscribe a hundred pounds to establish a home. Other gifts have also been announced.

# DISTRUST OF LORD RIPON.

in India. It is alleged that he proposes shortly to upset the arrangements by which some 200 clergy of the Church of England are paid out of the Indian treasury. The official denial of the story admits that the plan has been discussed, although it has not been adopted. The question is really one of slight importance, but it increases public distrust of Lord Ripon in England.

# THE IRISH IN AMERICA.

The eminent Anglo-Iudian statesman, Sir Lepel Griffin, returning from America, declares that the most striking fact in the political situation is the complete ascendency of the lowest class of Irish Archer. under corrupt and unscrupulous chiefs. He considers the Irish question more bitter and hopeless in America than it is in England. Englishmen say that they will soon believe that, if, as announced in to-day's telegrams, Patrick Ford is allowed to use America as a permanent base of hostilities against England and publicly to collect money and to employ agents for the manufacture of instruments of cowardly destruction and warfare.

Edward O'Brien, in reply to Sir Lepel Griffin's remarks, contends that the most progressive and prosperous cities in America are those where the population is of Irish birth or Irish descent, the most notable instances being New-York, Chicago and San Francisco.

Mr. Parnell's programme, published unofficially on Thursday, remains uncontradicted. It announces, in addition to former items, that he will push the scheme of Irish County Government, that he will favor further land legislation, better-planned obstruction in Parliament, and a renewal of organized terror in Ireland on the Land League plan; and finally that he will advocate a complete organization of the Irish vote in England, every Irishman | ject in making this marriage is to conciliate the Poles.

to vote henceforth at his orders. Mr. Tuke replies to Mr. Parnell's reckless assertions respecting the distress of Irishemigrants. He publishes abundant evidence that a majority of \*them are prosperous and contented. Mr. Parnell's irritation is explained by the known general desire of the peasantry to quit Ireland and follow their friends to America and Canada.

The Democratic efforts in America to promote tariff-tinkering continue to excite hopeful interest in England. Mr. Morrison's appointment as chairman of the Ways and Means Committee encourages The Manchester Guardian to believe that the professions shortly be released from imprisonment. of the Democrats in favor of free trade, heretofore languid and not quite honest, are becoming sincere

RESIGNATION OF MR. LOWELL.

Mr. Lowell has decided to resign the Lord Rectorship of St. Andrews, the technical objections to the office being held by a foreign Minister proving more formidable than he anticipated. The resignation is therefore offered in order to relieve the authorities from the necessity of deciding the points that have been raised.

MR. GLADSTONE'S ANNIVERSARY.

To-day is Mr. Gladstone's seventy-fourth birthflay. Telegrams and addresses to him, with gifts and congratulations in every form, are pouring into Hawarden.

HOLIDAY TOPICS.

Christmas solemnities and festivities occupied all England all the week. There were no public speeches. Everybody has left London. The country houses are full. The weather is dismal. The streets of the West End on Boxing Day were half deserted. All the shops were closed for two days, and some for four days. The churches were moderately filled on Tuesday and many sermons were reported. The pantomimes were of the usual character and the houses were crowded. There was no dramatic novelty.

THE REYNOLDS EXHIBITION.

There was a private view to-day of the Reynolds Exhibition at the Grosvenor Gallery. The collection surpasses expectation in the number of the finest works obtained, and in the beautiful condition of the pictures. It is altogether the most magnificent display yet seen of the work of any English painter. The rooms were crowded in spite of a dense yellow fog.

LOTTA'S RECEPTION.

Lotta having been placarded over London as a representative American comedienne, made apparently a total failure, the audience on the first night hissing and hooting. The daily papers are unanimous in condemning her, but The Athenaum says that she appeared under unlucky conditions. Though Lotta's art is not high, this critic considers her an actress with varied powers and genuine G. W. S.

# NEWS AND INCIDENTS IN LONDON.

TOPICS TALKED ABOUT ABROAD.

THE FRENCH IN MADAGASCAR-IRISH AFFAIRS-NOTES ABOUT PROMINENT PERSONS,

London, Dec. 29 .- Lord Granville, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, has renewed his representations to M. Ferry, French Foreign Minister, in regard to the destruction of British trading posts in dadagascar by the bombardment by the French vessels there. He has warned M. Ferry that the English Government holds a long list of claims for damages to property of English subjects. Admiral Galiber, the French c mander, reports to the Government that a great many of the men belonging to the garrisons of Tamatave, Fort Dauphin and Majunga are suffering from fever sickness. M. Baudols, the French Commissioner, continues to con duct peace pourparlers with the Hova delegates at Tamatave, but he reports that the Malagasy Government has finally refused to pay the war indemnity of ten million francs or to consent to the establishment of a French protectorate over the northern section of the island. Admiral Galiber and M. Bandols concur as to the necessity of dispatching an expedition to the capital to dictate

ORGANIZATION OF GRANGEMEN PROPOSED.

The proposal circulated by Captain Alexander among age Grand Masters in Ireland for the organization of a fighting force of Orangemen has provoked the Nationalist papers and falled to command the sympathy of the English press. Captain Alexander's scheme is to enrol the Orangemen as militia, to construct munition lepots and to use the Government barracks as Orange barracks. The project, though having the approval of the Grangemen, will be ignored by the Grand Masters as impracticable, and also because it would make the members of the lodges liable to prosecution under the

VICTOR HUGO AND O'DONNELL, Victor Hugo is writing a poem on the late hangings of Irishmen. It is reported that he is incensed at the interference of the Home Secretary with his appeal to the Queen for clemency in the case of O'Donnell, and intends to scathe him in verse. It is current talk that O'Don-pell was one of four noterious leaders of the Molly Maguires, who have long been hiding from American

justice under the protection of Irish-American societies. IRISH MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT. The members of the Irish party in Parliament deny th accuracy of the Parnellite programme, as published in Lord Ripon's restlessness threatens fresh trouble The Times. Mr. Parnell, it is stated, proposes to continue in Parliament the policy he has followed in the past sessions. The members of his party will meet early in Feb

individual members will be assigned to watch special AID FOR POOR AMERICANS IN PARIS The American Charitable Association of Paris has ssued an appeal for assistance. It states that its funds are inadequate to help the poor Americans in Paris who

desire to return to the United States. LICENSES TO JOCKEYS. The English Jockey Club has issued a notice that icenses will only be granted to jockeys on condition that they are not owners or part owners of any race-horse. The reasons for the issue of the notice are the incidents in connection with the horses trained by C Archer. This action of the club will break up turf rings and is the sensation

in the sporting clubs. CONTAGIOUS DISEASES AMONG SEAMEN, The Admiralty has issued an unprecedented order or the spread of contagious diseases among seamen, since the repeal of the act relative thereto. It says the spread of the pestilence at home ports, and the extent to which seamen are incapacitated, causes such a great dearth of seamen that henceforth simple cases cannot be exempted from draft abroad. The navy is in a worse sanitary condition than since the adoption of the Act of 1866.

PERSONAL.

Queen Victoria will leave England for Baden Baden at the end of February. The Queen has sent further or ders to Irish firms for a supply of poplins. A court train white figured poplin has been designed for Princess of white induced popular associates are being made for Mari-borough Homse, Windsor Castle and Osborne House.

Prince Bismarck was invited to the New-Year's reception Emperor of Germany, but declined on the ground of medical advice. Dr. Schwenninger still continues hi treatment of the Prince, and has reduced his weight from 237 pounds, his average for twelve years, to 195 pounds. The Prince has resumed his riding exercise. He displays increased activity in Government affairs and in the man agement of his estate.

The Empress of Austria is going to Bath to take the waters in the hope of curing herself of sciatica. It is reported that the Czar will send the Grand Duke Alexis, his brother, to Warsaw as viceroy, preparatory to. marrying him to Princess Zartoryski. His Majesty's ob.

Miss Vera Manning, a niece of Cardinal Manning, has entered a convent at Rochampton. She is an helress to £2,000 annually.

García, the most notorious gambler in Europe, has

entered a Trappist convent in Spain. Garcia has been known to win and lose £100,000 stakes at Homburg and His last exploit was to break a leading Spanish roulette bank. Princess Louise and the Marquis of Lorne will go to Riviera. Switzerland, the second week in January.

A person referred to by The Athenœum as high author ity writes from Massachusetts as follows: "Matthew Arnold's success as a lecturer is unequivocal. It is like Plato in Sicily. On the same night he and Mr. Bryce were lecturing at Cambridge. England is certainly doing her best to civilize America."

The patrons of the Tichborne Claimant have bought the selebrated Granville Hotel for him. The Claimant will

# THEATRICAL GOSSIP.

There is an immense demand for "Sarah Barnum," the work of Marie Colombier, to which Sarah Bernhault, took offence. An English edition purged of matter considered best not to print is being prepared. A reply to Marie Colombier by "Sarah Barnum" announced to be issued in Paris next week. Sarah Bern hardt denies that she has signed an engagement for the production of "Nana Sahib" in America, "Nana tabib " is a failure in Paris, and is soon to be withdrawn. Miss Griswold has made a brilliant success in a tour of

asgow, Liverpool and Manchester. Mary Anderson won the hearts of the members of her company by observance of the English custom of giving Christmas presents. Every employe in the theatre received a present on Christmas eve. Mr. Barnes, in the presence of the entire company, addressed Miss Anderon, assuring her that all would entertain the most loving

Miss Lillian Russell's engagement for Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's new opers, "The Princess," has been will hold a consistory in April, when several Cardinals law. One of the physicians is proceeded against for conspring the explange Telegraph Company states that the Pope to make their regular quarterly reports as required by difficulty of the capital states and sullivan's new opers, "The Princess," has been will hold a consistory in April, when several Cardinals law. One of the physicians is proceeded against for constitution of the capital states.

cancelled. Miss Russell has begun legal proceedings against Mr. D'Oyly Carte.

Wilson Barrett is losing heavily by the production of Claudian" at the Princess's Theatre. The audiences are decreasing nightly.

The health of Miss Marion Terry is falling. She has resigned her engagement at the Court Theatre and gone to the South of France to spend the winter.

Miss Ellen Terry writes to her friends in this country that her health has been much benefited by her American

CAMPAIGN PLANS IN TONQUIN.

SITUATION OF THE TWO ARMIES.

ACQUISITION OF HAINAN BY THE FRENCH FAVORED -THE LOSS AT SONTAY.

LONDON, Dec. 29.-The agitation in French news papers in favor of France's demanding of China an ndemuity for the covert war waged by the latter in Tonquin against France is due to the direct inspiration of M. Jules Ferry, the French Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The French Government has received information from Pekin that the Imperial Grand Council is in favor of a continuation of resistance to the demands of France without a formal declaration of hostilities. M. Ferry's idea of demanding of China an indemnity is intended to prevent that counfrom continuing to send reinforces to fonquin. If Chinese troops try defend Hong-Hoa and Bac-Ninh, a French force from the squadron under command of Admiral Lespes will land on the Island of Hainan. M. Ferry nimself is in favor of the permanent acquisition by France of Hainan as a step necessary to enable France to control the Tonquin river system, and he would make Hainau the chief French maritime station in

Le Temps and La Republique Française also advocate the seizure of the islands of Chusan and Formosa. It is certain that the treaty Powers-Russia, England and Germany-would oppose French aggresions on Chusan and Formosa. The Marquis Tseng, the Chinese Ambassador, is now residing at Folkestone. He has no information upon the subject of the rumored de mands of the French Government, and considers the pretensions set up for an indemnity as ridiculous. The German Government has Informed France, through Baron de Courcel, the French Ambassador at Berlin, that no German officers on either active service or the reserve are in the service of China.

ernment that the iron-clad now being constructed in the Stettin Docks will not be allowed to sail from there until it is evident that there will be no war between France and China. Orders have also and revolver used by Colonel Rathbone were new, been issued prohibiting the two Chinese corvettes | Colonel Rathbone has lately been jealous of his just completed at Kiel from leaving. The French squadron in Chinese waters has been re-inforced by the Gallissoniere, the flag-ship of Ad-miral Lespes, and the iron-clads Turenne and Mont-

A Paris dispatch says it is reported there that A hard acting under the advice of the European Powers, has withdrawn her troops from Bae-Ninh. Hong Kong, Dec. 29 .- The position of the French roops in Tonquin has remained unchanged since the fall of Sontay. Lian Fong, the commander of the Black Flags, was severely wounded, and his. lieutenant was killed, during the defence of Sontay. It is understood here that the French will not attack Bae-Ninh before the arrival of reinforcements

tack Bae-Ninh before the arrival of reinforcements from France. Dr. Harmand, French Commissioner to Tonquin, and M. Tricou have gone to Hué.
Advices from Hai-Phong of December 19 report that the French forces lost in killed and wounded at the capture of Sontay thirty-six officers and nearly 1,000 me.; also, that the loss of the Black Flags at the same battle was 6,000. The bulk of the Black Flag army, after their defeat at Sontay, retreated to Hong-Hoa and Nam-Dinh. The French found two million dollars in Sontay. The report that the Black Flags have returned to Nam-Dinh, as well as to Hong-Hoa, does not seem probable.

# OPERATIONS OF EL MANDI'S FORCES.

EGYPTIAN REINFORCEMENTS-A TURKISH EXPEDI-TION.

LONDON, Dec. 29.-The reports from Egypt as to the movements of El Mahdi are conflicting. Sples who have arrived at Khartoum from El Obeid say ruary to arrange a programme. At that meeting the that the forces of El Mahdi have divided, and that his plan is to make simultaneous attacks on Dongola and Sennaar. Small bodies of the forces of El Mahdi are hovering around Khartoum and firing at boats on the river and stragglers from the garrison. Their operations caused a report to spread that El Mahdi was closing around the place, and there was great alarm there. The arrival of a reinforcement of 1,300 Egyptians from Fashoda has not increased the confidence of the English officers. The incapacity of the garrison was shown recently when a false alarm was given of the approach of El Mahdi. The Khedive and his Ministers maintain a sullen attitude toward the English officials at Cairo on account of the refusal of English assistance in the operations against El Mahdi.

The Egyptian Government is willing to assent to the proposal of the Porte to dispatch a Turkish expedition to the Soudanat the expense of the Egyptian Treasury through a loan to be advanced by England. The Khedive favors, as another scheme to provide for the expense of the expedition, the selling of a concession for a second canal across the Isthmus of Suez. Sir Evelyn Baring has made a report to Lord Granville in which he advocates that the southern boundary of Egypt be fixed at about the fifteenth degree of latitude and that an arrangement be made with Abyssinia for the maintenance of Massawah, Suakim and other Red Sea ports in

the possession of Egypt. Since the arrival of Baker Pacha at Suakim the prospect of an advance have become brighter. He will take the offensive as soon a second Egyptian corps under Hussein Pacha reaches Berber. The total force under Baker Pacha is four thousand Egyptians and four thousand Bedouin auxiliaries the latter being commanded by Zebehr Pacha. Nearly three hundred commissioned and non-comsioned English officers accompany Baker

Pacha, The Cairo correspondent of The Times says that the administration of Egypt during the past year has been a failure. The sole remedy is either the abandonment of English interference or the ac-ceptance by England of some responsibility.

# AMERICAN PORK AND FRENCH WINES.

FEARS THAT CONGRESS WILL MAKE REPRISALS-THE TRICHINIASIS QUESTION. LONDON, Dec. 29 .- Alarm has been created in Prench commercial circles by rumors that the American Congress will make reprisals for the prohibition by France of the importation of American salted meats by

passing a law increasing the duties on French wines or providing for the seizure of French adulterations. The National, of Paris, says: "France must expect that the reprisals bill now before Congress, which was first directed against Germany, will now be turned against Paris, Dec. 29.—The decree prohibiting the importation of saited meats is published to-day. It admits,

January 20, 1884, only fully cured, wholesome, perfectly preserved, and completely saited meats, and they must be so pronounced by experts. WASHI NGTON, Dec. 29.—Secretary Frelinghuysen to-day received a telegram from Minister Morton, saying that It

ad been stated in the Chamber of Deputies that Dr Dettmar, who was charged by this Government to investigate the trichiniasis question, advised in his official retigate the trichiniasis question, advised in his official report that all the hogs in the districts where trichine had appeared should be destroyed. Mr. Morton requested full information on the subject, Secretary Freinghuysen immediately caused inquiry to be made at the Agricultural Department, in whose employ Dr. Dettmar had been, and this afternoon telegraphed to Minister Morton that Dr. Dettmar states in-correctly in 1878-9 in a report on swine-plague, not trichiniasis, that the disease was prevalent in the West, and hogs laboring under it were carelessly sent to market, that he has since in newspapers expressed erreneos views on swine disease generally in the West; that Mr. Curtis, a thorough expert, who is investigating trichinians, reports to the Agricultural Department that there is little disease of any kind; that Dr. Dettmar is mistaken, and that great care is taken by breeders and packers to send healthy pork to

RUMORS OF ANOTHER CARDINAL. LONDON, Dec. 29.—A dispatch from Rome to

filled. It is rumored that another American Cardinal will be appointed at the close of the forthcoming council in be appointed at the close of the Archbishop Gib-hons, of Baltimore, will be selected for the honor. [The Rev. John M. Farley, Cardinal McCloskey's private secre-tary, said yesterday that the Catholic elergy in this city have heard nothing of an approaching consistory, and he discredits the entire report.]

### TROUBLE IN ASHANTEE. EX-KING KOFFEE KALCALLI'S FAMILY AND ADHE-

RENTS KILLED. CAPE COAST CASTLE, Africa, Dec. 29.—The people of Ashantee are overawed by the slaughter of the family of ex-King Koffee Kalcalli and the daily massaere of his adherents, hundreds of whom have been killed. Sixty-eight of his seventy children have also been killed. One of Koffee Kalcalli's adherents, hearing that the ex King's life was in danger, sent ninety-eight men to guard him. They remained several days with the ex-King, with the consent of the Chief Mensah, now reigning. They were then suddenly attacked and all killed. [Previous advices from Ashantee state that Quacoe Duah, a grand vices from Ashantee state that Quacoe Duah, a grandnephew of an ex-King of the same name, had captured
King Koffee Kalcalli, ex-King Mensah and the Queenmother, Effuah Cobill, in the latter part of October,
Quacoe Duah proclaimed himself King of Ashantee, and
confined the Queen-mother, with King Koffee Kalcalli and
Mensah, in strict seclusion. One of the old chiefs of King
Koffee Kalcalli about November I endeavored to rescue
the King, but was repulsed. There was a report that the
new King had ordered the decapitation of the Queenmother.]

#### FOREIGN NOTES.

Sofia, Dec. 29.—The Bulgarian Ministry have tendered their resignations to Prince Alexander.

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The passenger lost on the steame Plantyn, from New York, was German Durazzano. Paris, Dec. 29.—The Chamber of Deputies rejected the

MARSEILLES, Dec. 29-Two thousand stokers and saflors Berlin, Dec. 29.—Admiral Goltz has been appointed Director of the German Navy.

Trieste, Dec. 29r—Signor Zampleri, editor of the Inde-

udente, an Italian Irredentist journal here, has been rrested on a charge of hightreason. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 29 .- A fire occurred to-day in the teamer Circassian, of the Allan line, which was adver tised to sail from here on January 3 for Halifax and Portland. Several of the steamer's state-rooms were destroyed.

## THE TRAGEDY AT HANOVER.

COLONEL RATHBONE IMPROVING.

HANOVER, Dec. 29 .- Colonel Rathbone, bany, has recovered sufficiently to permit his friends to take him to a hospital. His recovery from his wounds is possible. A judicial exami-The Cabinet at Berlin has further shown its good nation on the body of Mrs. Rathbone shows will toward France by warning the Chinese Gov- that she received several shot and dagger wounds. One bullet passed through her breast and ame out at the back-bone. A dagger thrust penetrated one of her ribs to the heart. Both the dagger wife, though there was no cause whatever for any such feeling. At the present time an official inquiry into the tragedy is impossible, owing to the condition of Colonel Rathbone. His mind is still affected, and his utterances are of a rambling character. It is understood that he believes that his children have been abducted, and that he was wounded in a fight with their abductor.

VIEWS OF COL. RATHBONE'S ATTORNEY. WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—The news that Colonel Henry B. Rathbone, of this city, had killed bis wife at Hanover, Germany, and had attempted to kill himself, continues to be an engrossing topic of conversi tion in society circles here. Colonel James G. Barrett, who has known Colonel Rathbone for years, and has been acting as his attorney in this city, said to a Star reporter this morning: "I received a letter from Colonel Rathbone dated November 30, the last one that I have from nim, which is perfectly coherent and intelligent; such a letter as any business man would write to another. He speaks of some changes in the furniture of his houses here, and his suggestions are clear and practical. The etter gives no sign of mental unsoundness."

"To what do you attribute his act?" asked the reporter "I don't think that he ever recovered from the shock of the night in President Lincoln's box at the theatre. The scene always haunted his mind. He was at times subject to fits of despondency and moddiness. I think that at one of these times, aggravated, perhaps, by dyspepsia, he committed this fatal act. There is no other cause that can be assigned that I know of. His affairs were in good condition and he had no financial troubles to contend with. He may have expected some, but not more than a man of his means could afford. His relations with his

# SUIT AGAINST THE ALLAN LINE.

PITTSBURG, Penn., Dec. 29,-Prominent cottish citizens of Allegheny County have formed a pool for the purpose of bringing suit against the Allan Line Steamship Company, of New-York, for \$10,000 damages for having indirectly caused the death of Mrs. Wilam Henderson, which occurred at her home near Elizabeth, Penn., three weeks ago. Some two me ago, James Devine, agent of the Allan Line, sold to Will-iam Henderson two full fare tickets from Glasgow to Pittsburg, which he sent to his wife and son, and they rittanarg, which he sent to his wife and son, and they started for Roston on the steamer Amsterdam. Arriving there, Mrs. Henderson was given one full fare and one half fare ticket to this place, although Devine says she was entitled to two full fare tickets. The mistake was discovered on the train. Having no money, she and her son were several times put off trains; once at Albany, where they walked the streets all night. The shock to her nervous system was so great that she began to slik, and died just after reaching her home. The gentlemen also purpose to bring criminal action.

# A NEGRO HELD FOR BURGLARY.

Boston, Dec. 29.-Within a weeker two there have been numerous burglaries in dwelling houses in this city, principally at the South End, notably two in West wton-st., one in Chester Park, one in Greenwich Park, and one in Tremont-st., in which property aggregating \$5,000 or \$6,000 in value has been stolen. This more ing a negro, Henry Clay Harvey, alias Tinsley, alias Harney, was arrested from a description given by one of the pawnbrokers who had advanced money on some of the stolen property, about \$1,000 worth of which had been recovered. been recovered.

On his person were small articles which were identified by the occupants of the houses entered. Harvey says he belongs in Philadelphia; that he came here from Richfield Springs, N. Y., three weeks ago, but makes no statement concerning the charges against him. He was held to \$4.000 on five contra

in \$4,900 on five counts. MR. JONES' LARGE CLAIM FOR DAMAGES.

# PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 29 .- John Winslow

Jones has brought a new bill in equity against The Winslow Packing Company, General Mattocks, Thurber & Co., of New York; Holden & Herrick, of Boston, and various banks, covering matters included in the bill that was brought some time ago, claiming \$300,000 damages for withholding property conveyed by Mr. Jones in trust. In the former bill Mr. Jones applied for a receiver for the Winstow Packing Company, and after a full hearing, his application was abandoned.

# RACES OF THE LOUISIANA JOCKEY CLUB.

New-Orleans, Dec. 29 .- This was the first day of the winter meeting of the Louisiana Jockey Club. The three-quarters of a mile dash for all ages was won by Earl Reaconafield in 1:10<sup>1</sup>g; the second race—Christmas stakes for two-year-olds—was won by Lady Lond in 1:49. The race for four-year-olds was won by Princess; time 1:49<sup>1</sup>g. The selling race, one and one-eighth miles, was won by Wave o' Light in 2:03<sup>1</sup>g.

# THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL ELECT.

WATERTOWN, N. Y. Dec. 29 .- Attorney-General-elect O'Brien left here this morning for Albany. He announced as his deputies Messrs, Isaac H. Maynard and William M. Post. A new law firm was formed here before his departure, which consists of himself, District-Attor-ney Emerson, and James A. Ward. The firm name is O'Brien, Emerson & Ward.

### ASSIGNMENT IN TOLEDO. Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 29 .- Delos Pratt, a furniture dealer, made an assignment to-day. His liabilities

are \$28,000. His assets are said to be largely in excess of the liabilities. SANITARY LAWS VIOLATED, LANCASTER, Penn., Dec. 29.-Ten prominent elergymen and physicians of this city have been criminally prosecuted by the City Board of Health for failure

will be created, and the vacant sees in America will be cealing a smallpox patient. The arrested persons pro-

## A PLAN TO BEAT PAYNE,

PENDLETON, WARD AND CONVERSE COMBINING IN FAVOR OF THURMAN. [BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

CLEVELAND, Dec. 29 .- The rumor that a combination has been formed by Pendleton, Ward and Converse to beat Henry B. Payne for the Senatorship has been confirmed. The Payne men became frightened at the prospect, and held a secret meeting last night to determine on immediate action. The new combination will throw their united strength in favor of Allen G. Thurman for the Senatorship, in case it becomes apparent that Payne will defeat Pendleton. This is rather an admission, on the part of Pendleton, of Payne's superior strength, and in the nature of a preparation to let himself down gracefully at any point in the fight in which it becomes evident that his defeat is inevitable. Thurman's southern trip has been postponed on account of this arrangement. The Payne men here have just awakened to the real condition of affairs, and Senator Williams of Cuyahoga says that he no longer doubts the existence of this tripartite arrangement. Payne men are of the opinion that none of the three parties to opinion that none of the three parties to the agreement can control their entire following, but that there will be a sufficient number of "kickers" to defeat its ultimate success. Pendleton will fall back on this new combination, as a last resort. He is making just as strong a fight for himself as though no such arrangement had been made, but if it becomes apparent to him that he cannot succeed, then Thurman is to be pushed to the front, and if the programme is successfully carried out, the Pendleton, Ward and Converse men are to rally around him as the only leader who can defeat Payne's aspirations. Payne's aspirations.

## INSURANCE POLICES INVALIDATED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] New-Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.-The large dry goods establishment of Edward Malley, the father of Walter, was burned to the ground on February 28, 1881. The loss, \$150,000, was fully covered by insurance. All the companies, will the exception of two, refused to pay their risks on the ground that the policies had been invalidated by the action of Mr. Malley in taking a partner into the firm, in violation of an express agreement. Saits against all the companies that refused to pay were instituted by Mr. Malley in the Superoir Court. As the legal questions involved were virtually identical in all the suits, me of them was selected as a test case. The company one of them was selected as a test case. The company selected was the Fireman's Trust Insurance Company. The Supsifor Court reserved this suit for the advice of the Supreme Court of Errors, which some mouths ago decided adversely to Mr. Malley upon purely technical grounds. The next move made by Mr. Malley's counsel was an application to the Supreme Court to transfer the remaining suits to the United States Court. The motion was opposed mainly on the ground that the motion had been made too late. This view of the case was taken by the Supreme Court, and to-day the clerk was informed that the motion for the transfer was denied. Judge Carpenter will give reasons later. The suit had been watched with great interest by the holders of insurance policies in the opposing companies. the opposing companies.

## SUICIDE OF A NEW-HAVEN MERCHANT.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] New-Haven, Dec. 29.—Thomas H. Wheeler, age forty-eight, a well-known dealer in paper stock, whose place of business is on Long Wharf, but who lives in West Haven, was found this morning prone on his stable floor, dead, with a hole in his breast and an empty shotgan beside him. The evidences of suicide are considered unn takable. Mr. Wheeler was in good spirits last night. He retired rather earlier than usual, and on rising at six, kissed his wife and went to the barn to hitch up his horse. An hour later his son had occasion to go to the stable where he found his father as described.

Mr. Wheeler has been in the paper stock business for twenty years. Some days ago he remarked to his family twenty years. Some days ago he remarket what suicide was an absurd and cowardly method of escaping the burdens of life. He is known to have been fretting considerably lately because of the decline in the market value of some kinds of rags, of which he had a large quantity on hand. He leaves a wife and six ohlidren, and a fortune estimated at \$25,000. He was highly esteemed by all his acquaintances and was a prominent esteemed by all his acquaintances and was a member of the West Haven Methodist Church

# "HAREY" PHILLIPS'S WILD SHOTS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

TERRILL, Texas, Dec. 29,-Last night "Harry" Phillips, the manager of the Imperial Japanese Dragon Troupe, and a farmer named Sullivan exchanged hats while drinking. Early this morning, in the Crescent Hotel, Sullivan took his hat off Phillips's head and started off, when Phillips drew his pistol and fired was arrested and fined for carrying concealed weapons and held in bonds to the next term of Court for assault with intent to marder. He left with his troupe for Fort Worth, but more trouble is expected. He is a well-known actor, and his father is now playing with the Kate

#### Claxton Company. A PRUSSIAN ARRESTED FOR FORGERY, S

INT TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. CHICAGO, Dec. 29.-Herman Koestein was brought before United States Commissioner Hayne to-day at the instance of the Prussian Vice-Consul here, who wishes his extradition on the ground that he is a fugitive from Prussia for the or is a luggive from Frussia for the crime of forgery. It is charged that while secretary to Max Orlovius, Government Counsellor of the Railway Management, Koerstein forged the seals and his employer's name to three letters, directing twelve hundred dollars to be paid to him for a locomotive. He received the money and field to America.

# CHAUNCEY I, FILLEY TO THE FRONT.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. Sr. Louis, Dec. 29,-The rival wings of the Republican party joined hands last night. From this time forward there will be no "hoedlum" and "silk stocking" party. The local Republicans will pull together under the leadership of Chauncey I. Filley. United the Republican party is locally stronger than the Democratic, so that the reconciliation of last night will probably give the city offices solid to the Republicans at the next elec-tion.

# DISMISSED FOR ENFORCING THE LAW.

[BY TELE GRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE. St. Louis, Dec. 29.—There is great indignation here at the action of the Board of Police Commisstoners in removing Chief of Police Campbell. All of the local newspapers denounce the action. No successor has been appointed. Campbell's offence consisted in enforc-ing the gambling laws, contrary to the wish of a majority in the Folice Board, consisting of Commissioners Caruth, Lutz and Woodward.

# CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH.

IBY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 29.-Near Summerton, Clarendon County, last night, a colored woman put her four children to bed, locked up the cabin, in which she left a fire burning, and went off to a "watch-meeting" on a neighboring plantation. In her absence, the house caught fire. Several neighbors soon arrived, who, upon breaking open the door, found lying upon the floor the prostrate forms of the four children, who had been literally roasted alive. Their ages were eleven, eight, six and two years respectively.

# ACCEPTING A NEW-YORK PASTORATE.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 29,-The call of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, New-York, extended two weeks ago, to the Rev. M. H. Pogson, of this city, to become their paster, was formally accepted to-day.

#### WHITE ELEPHANT FOR FOREPAUGH. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29 .- Adam Forepaugh, the circus proprietor, to-day received a cablegram from

his agent in Algiers, stating that he has been offered a white elephant for £10,000. Forepaugh, in reply, directed his agent to obtain the animal at once at the price mentioned. MANGLED BY A DOG.

READING, Penn., Dec. 29 .- Jane Schlenke, age six, of Greenwich, this county, was attacked by a savage dog and managled in a terrible manner. The flesh was torn from both cheeks, her forehead and her throat. The wounds were sewed up, but the physician says she cannot recover.

# THE QUIDNICK COMPANY.

PROVIDENCE, Dec. 29 .- In the Supreme Court this afternoon, in the case of Gorham P. Pomery, assignee, against Evan Randolph and J. Cock Langstreth, of Philadelphia, a decree was entered enjoining the re-spondents from attempting to vote upon certain shares of the capital stock of the Quidnick Company as assignees of William Sprague, Amasa Sprague and Fanny and Mary Sprague.

## PRICE THREE CENTS.

## MR. SHEARD IN THE LEAD. ATTEMPTS TO FORM COMBINATIONS.

THE CRY OF "LOCALITY"-THE CLERKSHIP AN ELEMENT IN THE FIGHT FOR SPEAKER.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] ALBANY, Dec. 29 .- The contest for Speaker of the Assembly became more heated to-day, in consequence of the arrival of a large number of leading Republican politicians. Yet the result is as deeply hidden as before. All that can be said is that Mr. Sheard has a leading position, that Mr. Roosevelt has the next largest number of followers, Mr. Erwin the third largest, and Mr. Littlejohn is supported by the fewest members. Mr. Sheard had such a commanding lead that the other candidates became alarmed, and all day they have been attempting to form combinations against him, Moreover, there have been attacks indirect. The most effective of these has been the withdrawal of Haines D. Cunningham from the canvass for Clerk. Mr. Cunningham was the sole formidable competitor of C. A. Chickering, of Lewis County, the leading candidate for Clerk. Lewis County happens to be adjacent to Herkimer County, the home of Mr. Sheard. It was said facetiously to-day that only a snow-bank divides them.

#### A MOVE AGAINST SHEARD.

Mr. Cunningham was therefore withdrawn, so that it would be apparent to the members of the Assembly that they were asked to elect a Speaker and a Clerk from the same locality. This "locality" cry was uttered by Silas B. Dutcher, in particular, who came here to canvass for William H. Barker, of Brooklyn, for Clerk. The cry made an impression and much embarrassed Mr. Sheard's lieutenants. Mr. Sheard himself seemed undisturbed, saying laughingly, "Why, Mr. Chickering and myself are not next-door neigh-You have to change cars three times and take a stage-ride of four miles in going from Mr. Chickering's home at Copenhagen to mine at Little Falls."

However, Mr. Sheard's managers were not so good-humored over the attack. They were the more hampered by it because a portion of their own followers from New-York and Brooklyn demanded that Mr. Barker should be supported for Clerk and an attack be made upon Chickering, but this they could not do, inasmuch as there were supporters of Mr. Sheard who favored Mr. Chickering than of those who favored Mr. Barker. The attempts to make a combination against Mr. Sheard continued through the day, and were still in progress at midnight.

The combination was not made, because the friends of each of the three opposition candidates, Messrs. Erwin, Littlejohn and Roosevelt, desired the union to be made on their favorite candidate.

REJECTED AS A COMPROMISE CANDIDATE. At one time during the day, Mr. O'Neil, of Franklin County, was suggested as a compromise candidate, but he was not accepted. Moreover, it was discovered that Mr. Sheard was the second choice of a certain proportion of the supporters of each one of the other candidates. Accordingly, the support of these gentlemen could not be transferred in bulk to any other candidate opposed to Mr. Sheard. Mr. Reosevelt's support especially was found to be made of this intractable material. Mr. Roosevelt has not put much trust in his support from New-York and Brooklyn, and has always rather feared that the members from those cities would drift away. At present these members are casting a friendly glance in Mr. Sheard's direction. Politicians are wondering if disappointment over the refusal of Mr. Sheard's managers to support Barker will cause the New-York and Brooklyn members, who are rather friendly to Sheard, to leave him and go over to Erwin. The hope of Mr. Erwin's supporters is that this will happen. Experienced politicians are of the opinion that the contest will finally narrow down to Mr. Sheard and Mr. Erwin. It is argued that Mr. Littlejohn is practically out of the contest and that Mr. Roosevelt's support is getting demoralized. Mr. Roosevelt, however, denies that the members supporting him are leaving him. Mr. Sheard's supporters were increased to-day by the four members

from Chautauqua and Cattaraugus counties. Mr. Roosevelt's support consists largely of the younger members of the Legislature. Two of his most enthusiastic supporters are new men, Messrs, Van Duser, of Chemung, and Jones, of Seneca. Mr. Howe, of New-York, and Mr. O'Neil, of Franklin, have conducted Mr. Roosevelt's canvass

with great vigor. MR, LITTLEJOHN'S POSITION.

Ex-Speaker Sloan arrived here this morning to give aid to Mr. Littlejohn in his canvass. Mr. Sloan said that Mr. Littlejohn had not made any canvass for votes, taking the position that if the Assemblymen desired him for Speaker they would seek him, Mr. Sloan virtually admitted

would seek him. Mr. Sloan virtually admitted that Mr. Littlejohn had little chance of becoming Speaker. Mr. Littlejohn himself said that if he should again be a candidate for Speaker, he would conduct his canvass on modern methods and seek the office, instead of having it seek him.

General James W. Husted, who had announced that he would support Mr. Littlejohn, arrived here, but developed a sudden passion for sleigh-riding. There came from New-York to-day Jacob Hess, Commissioner of Charities, Police Justice Solon B, Smith and Bernard Biglin. They all announced that they intended to support Mr. Roosevelt. Mr. Sheard's canvass to-day has been pushed with energy by Congressman Burleigh. The evening trains broughb several members of the Legislature of 1879 to aid Mr. Sheard. Among these were Henry L. Duguid, of Syracuse, and James Low, of Ningara Falls. These gentlemen also came to aid Mr. Chickering in his canvass, having been his fellow-manubers in 1871.

THE LATEST EUMORS.

THE LATEST RUMORS. Late to-night General James W. Husted was declaring that Mr. Littlejohn had made important gains. A rumor went about also that Mr. Roosevelt's and Mr. Erwin's supporters might concentrate upon Mr. Littlejohn. This statement was denied by them. It is evident, however, that to-morrow there will be many attempts to roll up a formidable opposition vote to that of Mr. Sheard. Mr. Sheard's supporters do not claim that he has yet obtained a clear majority of the votes of the Republican As-semblymen, but believe that he will do so by to-

#### morrow night. THE ADIRONDACK FORESTS.

WHAT SMITH M. WEED THINKS SHOULD BE DONE. ALBANY, Dec. 29,-The Senate Adirondack Investigating Committee met at the Capitol to-day. The only witness examined was Smith M. Weed of Clinton County. He thought the forest should be made a compact body and formed into a vast park for health and recreation, the detached portions to be sold and a fund reation, the detached portions to be sold and a fund thereby created for the purpose of purchasing the adjacent land. There should be an intelligent system of buying and selling land. He opposed the proposition to issue \$11,000,000 in bonds to purchase private lands, and thought the adoption of such a proposition would result in a grand scheme to swindle the State. In consequence of this talk of buying these private lands it is estimated that already 5,000,000 acres have been redeemed. He was of the opinion that the whole would revert in time to the State through failure to pay taxes.

# JUDICIAL DESIGNATIONS.

ALBANY, Dec. 29 .-- The Governor to-day nade the following designations of judges to hold courts in the First Judicial Department, during 1884: Hooper C. Van Vorst, Judge of Superior Court, to hold elreuit courts for January, March and May, and special terms of supreme court for February and April; Charles H. Van Brunt, Judge of Court of Common Pless, to hold circuit courts for February and April, and special terms of su-preme court for January and May.

# THE WASHINGTON MILLS.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 29 .- The condition of affairs at the Washington Mills is assuming a serious aspect. One hundred and forty looms employed in the manufacture of gentlemen's suiting, will be stopped, as the warps at present on hand are used up; thus throwing 200 hands out of employment. Aiready nearly 150 have been discharged, and a person conversant with the affairs at the mills states that he would not be surprised if out-third of the production ceased within two weeks. Should this occur, over 800 persons would be unemployed.